

Tie Your Shoes

“ Keeping First Things First at PCC - Part 1 ”

1. Make Talking to God Your Priority v. 1

2. Include Leaders in Your Prayers v. 2



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read 1 Timothy 2:1. What spiritual discipline did Paul highlight to Timothy to keep first things first at Ephesus?
- How can Point #1 get overlooked in churches today? (i.e., activities, serving, etc.) Why is this important to recognize?
- Explain the types of prayers Paul presents. How does this adjust you? How will you step into Point #1 this week?

Point #2

- Read 1 Timothy 2:2. What surprises you about the priority of Paul's prayer list? How does it match yours?
- Why is Point #2 important in order to keep a balance between politics and the power of God? Be specific.
- In what way can this also impact your witness for Jesus? (i.e., quiet, peaceful, etc.) How does Point #2 adjust you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:1, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2

- What spiritual priority does Paul highlight to Timothy? What does this imply about the Ephesian church?
- Why is this important for every church? Be specific. How does this line up with your spiritual priorities?
- How will you adjust this week? What does this also highlight about being a beautiful church? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:1, Acts 6:1-7

- What was happening to the early church when it comes to spiritual priorities and keeping first things first?
- How can this also happen in churches today? Give an example. How did the early church solve the problem?
- Explain why a praying church is an important activity a church can engage in. Practice this right now.

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:1, Psalm 103, Philippians 4:5-7

- Explain the types of prayers Paul presents to Timothy to practice. (i.e., supplication, intercession, etc.)
- In what way is this more of a general discussion and not a formula? What can happen with prayer formulas?
- Why is this important to recognize? What type of prayer do you need to include more in your prayer time?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:1, Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 6:12, 9:18, 11:1-4

- Given Jesus was often retreating to pray, what does this highlight about the importance of prayer?
- What does it imply that out of all the things the disciples could have asked Jesus to do, they picked prayer?
- Compare and contrast the way Jesus prayed and how Paul encouraged Timothy to pray. What do you learn?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:2, Romans 13:1-2, Matthew 5:43-48

- Who does Paul put at the top of the Ephesian Christian prayer list? Why? (Hint: political vs. prayerful)
- Given Nero was the emperor at that time, what does this highlight about political misalignment for Christians?
- How might the Ephesian Christians been tempted to respond? How can this happen today? How does prayer help?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:2, 1 Peter 2:13-17

- What did Paul present as the ultimate goal when praying for political leaders? How did this relate to evangelism?
- In what way is this different than what you see Christians praying for today? How do you need to change?
- Given today is a very different political climate than in Paul's day, what balance is necessary for 1 Timothy 2:2?

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*

1 Timothy 2:1-2